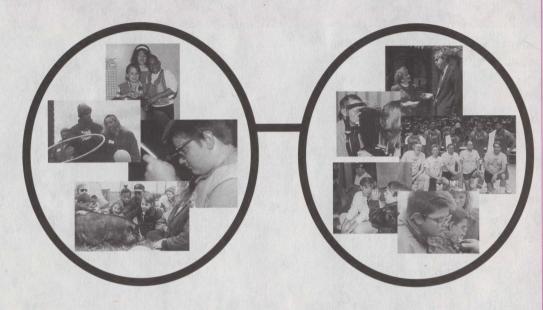
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Sights From The Last Three Years



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The Newest Service At The Sight Center

There is a grow-I ing segment of the population who often have difficulty performing such tasks as reading, writing or watching television. Some may be sensitive to glare, others may have reduced visual sharpness or diminished central or peripheral vision.

at the Sight Center, the Vision Rehabili-

tation Services Clinic, will enable persons with low vision to lead a more normal life by getting the most from their limited sight.

The new clinic is located within the Sight Center's offices at 1819 Canton, downtown Toledo and the official opening was celebrated with an open house in October, 1992. The 15,000 square foot facility was built by very generous donors and local



The new facility The Vision Rehabilitation Services Clinic opened in October 1992.

foundations. It features a full screening lane, a training area with a wide variety of state-ofthe-art optical and electronic devices, as well as a dispensing area.

Comprehensive care is provided in a multi-disciplinary approach by a team of specialists from the fields of low vision and rehabilitation. The evaluation is conducted by Dr. Carol German, an eye care professional, who specializes in Low Vision. She is a

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Dear Friends of The Sight Center:

Welcome back to Sightings. We have been so busy during the last two years providing services to the increasing number of individuals who are becoming blind and visually impaired, expanding The Sight Center Audio Network (SCAN), broadcasting scheduling services, and developing our new low vision/low income eve clinic that we did not put out a newsletter. The fact that you are reading this issue of Sightings indicates that we are now back on track. We plan to have at least two issues of Sightings each year.

Without the support of many individuals none of the services of The Sight Center could be possible.

It is through the pages of Sightings that we thank many of our supporters, inform people of both old and

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Congratulations
Sight Center
VolunteersWho Are
Recipients Of Area
Community Service
Awards

1993 Henry Morse Community Service Thomas R. Day Board of Trustees

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Golden Rule Award
Finalist
Martin Jacob
Separate Glasses

Barbara Winzeler SCAN/Personal Reader

1993 John Goerlich
Distinguished Service
Jack W. Shaffer
SCAN Reader

1993 Iris Award
The Toledo Area
Telephone Pioneers
Sight Center Volunteers

Congratulations to all of our 650 Sight Center Volunteers who gave over 17,000 service hours to our agency. Volunteers are the heart of our success, and we thank all of you for that dedication!

Positive Attitudes: Iris Award Recipients

The recipients of the Iris Award are nominated each year by members of The Sight Center's paid staff. The Iris Award was started in 1990. The recipient is a volunteer or group of volunteers who display a positive attitude and whose cooperation has added towards the success of The Sight Center. Nominations are reviewed by an independent committee that plans and implements the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.



The Toledo Telephone Pioneers were the recipients of the 1993 Iris Award. They have been involved as a Volunteer Group at The Sight Center since 1964, when they were enlisted as volunteers to repair and maintain Talking Book equipment. They continue to do this, as well as volunteer for the Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt, the Children's Holiday Party, and audio description for the Toledo Repertoire Theater and Shrine Circus. The pioneers have generously supported The Sight Center programs through monetary contributions allowing such programs as an adaptive swimming program, beeping baseball, petting zoos and much more.



Merl Thomas was the winner of the 1992 Sight Center Iris Award for his dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer service.



In 1991, Beverly Graham received the Iris Award for her tireless volunteer work in the Mailing Department of the Sight Center.

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highly trained professional, qualified to evaluate and examine a patient with a visual impairment and prescribe the appropriate treatment.

Recommendations can include prescription optical and/or non-optical aids. Examples of these are spectacle mounted or hand held telescopes and near magnification aids, specialized lighting and closed circuit televisions (CCTV's).

While low vision services are available to anyone with a visual impairment, a referral from an eye care specialist is necessary to schedule the initial appointment.

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new services designed to help us fulfill our mission of "provide services that maximize the independence of individuals who are visually impaired and blind and to minimize the incidence of visual impairment."

This issue will help bring you up to date with some of the exciting things that have been going on with the Toledo Society for the Blind/The Sight Center.

We're glad to be back, we hope you've missed us.
Sincerely,
Barry A. McEwen
President

Goerlich Award Winners

The Goerlich Award has been presented annually since 1984 to a person or persons who have been determined to have unselfishly served people who are blind or visually impaired. John Goerlich was a past Sight Center board president and the award's first recipient. Below are the award winners for the past three years.



Jack Shaffer was awarded the 1993 Goerlich Distinguished Service Award for his many volunteer hours at the Sight Center. Since the beginning of SCAN, he has devoted over 800 hours reading over the airwayes.



Lima resident Jackson Fly was the co-recipient of the 1991 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award. Jackie Sobecki of Toledo was the co-winner.



Dr. Louis Ellen (R) received the Sight Center's 1992 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award from Board President, Jim Hackley.

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suggested for this provision: I give, devise and
bequeath to the Toledo
Society for the Blind, a
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Maximize Independence Services:	1992	1991
Information and Referral	561	859
Social Services	292	109
Recreation	125	175
Rehabilitation Teaching	78	79
Orientation and Mobility	95	65
Children's Services	39	37
Low Vision (began in 1992)	61	
Reading Services		
Talking Book Machines	2,864	2,694
SCAN Receivers	320	288
SCAN On-Air Hours	4,784	4,784
Minimize Incidence of Visual Impairment		
Vision Screenings		
Children 0-6	2,788	4,340
Children 7-18	12,265	12,234
Adults	2,010	1,350
Glaucoma Screenings	2,191	1,492
Community Medical Eye Clinic	465	418
Community Eye Clinic Opticians	537	377
Diagnostic Ocular Pediatric Clinic	114	188
Low Income Clinic	98	540
Surgeries	19	15
Other	45	57
Eye Glasses Purchased	379	219
Total Unduplicated People Served	20,911	21,230
Other Special Services:		
Public Education Presentations	32,342	28,360
Volunteers	22,0.2	20,300
Number of Volunteers	621	650
Total Volunteer Hours	17,382	18,232

